



**MINUTES**  
**MAY 26, 2015**  
**LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**ATTENDANCE:**    **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT-** County Council Chairman Joe Wood and Vice Chairman Tollison; County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Ted Nash and David Pitts.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT** – Councilman Edward McDaniel (deceased).

**COUNTY STAFF:**    Laurens County Administrator, Ernest Segars; Laurens County Clerk to Council Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT:** Laurens County Human Resources Manager, Debi Parker; Laurens County Communications Director, Joey Avery; Laurens County Sheriff, Ricky Chastain; Laurens County Public Works Director Rob Russian, Captain Tyson, Detention Center Administrator; Laurens County Emergency Medical Services, Chad Burrell, Director; Laurens County Fire Service Director, Greg Lindley; Laurens County Coroner, Nick Nichols; Laurens County Finance, Lisa Kirk, Director;

**PRESS:**    Vic McDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; *WLBG Radio*; Jennifer Brown, *GoLaurens.com* and Corey Engle, *The Laurens County Advertiser*.

**SCHEDULED MEETING AGENDA ITEMS** - 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Wood; 2.) Invocation –Councilman Jones; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda, May 26, 2015; 5.) Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2015; 6.) Second Reading, Ordinance #786, “An Ordinance to Amend and Rescind Ordinance #347 And Other Matters Appertaining Thereto; 7.) Second Reading Ordinance #787 – “An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #465 Providing For The Use of The Maximum Legal Percentage of Local Option Sales Tax Funds For the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; And To Further Use And Apply These Funds For The Purpose of Revenue Shortfalls In Laurens County And Other Matters Appertaining Thereto”; A.) Budget discussion, Fiscal Year 2015- 2016; a.) Completion of review of County Department Budgets; b.) Review of Capital Improvement Requests; c.) Approval of Resolution #2015-15, “To Apply, Assign, Allocate, Transfer and Use, \$1,040,000 Accumulated Pursuant to Laurens County Ordinance”; 8.) Executive Session – Economic Development and Employment Matters; 9.) Second Reading Ordinance #788 – Laurens County FY 2015-2016 Budget (By Title Only); 10.) Administrative Report, Ernie Segars, County Administrator; 11.) Public Comments; 12.) Comments from Council Members; 13.) Adjournment.

**MEETING NOTIFICATION** - The County Council Members, Department Heads, requesting general public and the Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and invited all to stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Jones provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chairman Wood called for approval of the agenda with any additions.

COUNCILMAN NASH made the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented; COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

Administrator Segars explained that the agenda was broken out in segments so as to follow the budget process and in keeping discussions and ordinances in order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 regular session of Council. VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

**THIRD READING, ORDINANCE #786, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RESCIND ORDINANCE #347 AND OTHER MATTERS APPERTAINING THERETO”** – Chairman Wood explained that this was an ordinance that rescinds Ordinance #347 that allowed for pay in lieu of insurance for county employees that proved that they had existing insurance by other means. And, that as per the Attorney Generals revised opinion in 2013 that this procedure is no longer legal.



VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #786 upon third reading with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING for discussion.

Councilwoman Anderson said, “I continue to disagree with the timing out of the pay in lieu of insurance. I strongly think that it should end with the new fiscal year coming July 1, 2015. All employees have insurance as they signed a document saying that they had insurance by other means. Pushing out the date to October will be costing the County more money, eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) in a year as it has over the years”.

Chairman Wood said that he would like to remind that funds were approved earlier for another department to pay their employees insurance.

COUNCIL VOTED 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson was in opposition).

**SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #787 – “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #465 PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE MAXIMUM LEGAL PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; AND TO FURTHER USE AND APPLY THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVENUE SHORTFALLS IN LAURENS COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS APPERTAINING THERETO”** – Chairman Wood explained that he understands more clearly now that a County can legally retain monies from the Local Option Sales Tax if needed.

COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #787 upon second reading with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING for discussion.

Councilman Jones stated that he would like to see the local option sales tax phased out in upcoming years and that with more economic growth coming, the tax base would increase and allow others to move here with their families.

Chairman Wood stated, “The Local Option Sales Tax was by referendum and that the people of Laurens County voted to have this in place. It would take another referendum with the vote of the citizens of Laurens County to do away with it”.

COUNCIL VOTED 6-0.

**CONTINUED BUDGET DISCUSSIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2015- 2016:**

1.) **COMPLETION OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS:**

A.) **Local Government Assistance:**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2013 Actual	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D		
					4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
33080	Solicitor's Office	262,000	262,000	262,000	196,500	365,155	262,000
56030	Chamber of Commerce	32,000	32,000	32,000	24,000	32,000	32,000
56055	Nat. Assoc. of Counties	1,357	1,331	1,400	1,331	1,400	1,400
56060	S.C. Assoc. of Counties	13,894	13,894	13,894	13,894	13,894	13,894
56065	Upper Savannah C.O.G.	46,576	46,570	46,356	34,767	46,630	46,630
Subtotal Non.-Pers. Serv.		355,827	355,795	355,650	270,492	459,079	355,924
TOTALS		355,827	355,795	355,650	270,492	459,079	355,924

Councilman Jones requested deletion of the expense of the National Association of Counties. Administrator Segars replied that they do provide technical assistance from time to time but is not crucial on a day-to-day basis.

Councilwoman Anderson stated that they all are available to help us as needed as well as with legal assistance.

COUNCIL CONSENSUS, by a show of hands, to leave all of the Local Government Assistance as recommended. Councilman Jones opposed to the one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) for the National Association of Counties.

B.) Special Appropriations:

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2013 Actual	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
56025	Literacy Council	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000
56035	G.L.E.A.M.N.S.	9,500	9,500	9,500	7,125	9,500	9,500
56042	Laurens Fed./Blind	3,600	5,000	5,000	3,750	10,000	5,000
56058	Humane Society	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
56059	Museum	7,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
56060	Crimestoppers	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
56065	Disabilities and Special Needs	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
56075	Senior Options	7,700	7,700	7,700	3,850	8,000	7,700
Subtotal Non-Pers. Serv.		32,800	52,200	58,200	49,725	57,500	47,200
TOTALS		32,800	52,200	58,200	49,725	57,500	47,200
56065	Disabilities and Special Needs	0	0	10,000	10,000	45,000	0
56061	Bridging the Gap	0	0	0	0	20,000	0
56057	Piedmont Tech	0	0	0	0	644,010	0

1.) Museum - #56059 - Chairman Wood questioned if the Hunter Industrial Funds could be used to fund the Laurens County Museum. Administrator Segars replied, "Those funds are generated by the industry located in the industrial park. Several years ago Council approved to use these funds for Piedmont Tec. The idea behind these agencies is to bring in more business".

Vice Chairman Tollison questioned if this would be considered economic development. Chairman Wood stated that these agencies do bring people into the County.

Both Councilmen Nash and Jones agreed that it was a good idea to use the Hunter funds.

Councilwoman Anderson stated that she did not feel that the museum was considered economic development and that she would like to see the Hunter funds continued to be used as economic development funds.

Councilman Pitts agreed with Councilwoman Anderson as to leaving the funds there for economic development and that he would like to see Council go back to the 2013 seven thousand dollar (\$7,000) funding range for the Museum.

Chairman Wood replied that he felt the museum was a good option to have and that he would hate to see the monies cut.

COUNCIL - to leave the funding request as is: no vote.

COUNCIL - to provide the seven thousand dollars (\$7,000): 3-3.

Chairman Wood asked the County Attorney for his opinion as to the funds coming from the Hunter Funds. Attorney Cruickshanks replied that it was up to Council to make that call and that others have used it and not been challenged. Administrator Segars stated that it is a form of commerce for a small town.

COUNCIL - to leave the funding request as is: 2-4 (Pitts and Anderson)

COUNCIL - to provide the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Hunter Funds:  
4-2 (Pitts and Anderson)

Vice Chairman Tollison said that he hoped that it was understood, that if Council used the fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Hunter Park Funds now for the Museum, that should Council



need funds related to industry in the future, that Council would be committal with general fund monies to support.

- 2.) Literacy Council – #56025 - COUNCIL - to approve as recommended five thousand dollars (\$5,000): 5-1 (Anderson)
- 3.) GLEAMNS – #56035 - to approve as recommended nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$95,000): 5-0-1 (abstention Nash)
- 4.) Federation of the Blind – #56042 - to approve as recommended five thousand dollars (\$5,000): 5-1 (Anderson)
- 5.) Humane Society – #56058 - to approve as recommended five thousand dollars (\$5,000): 5-1 (Anderson)
- 6.) Crimestoppers – #56060 – Administrator Segars stated that there was not a request this year. COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to include the one thousand dollars (\$1,000). MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND. No funding (\$0).
- 7.) Disabilities and Special Needs – #56065 – Mrs. Kirk explained that this request came in after the budget had been prepared and the request of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) was not included in the budget requests.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to allocate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) with COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

- 8.) Senior Options – #56075 – Councilman Pitts commented that Senior Options was taken over by the Piedmont Council on Aging out of Greenwood County.

To allocate seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$7,700) 6-0.

- 9.) Additional Requests:

- a.) Bridging the Gap – twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) - to approve as requested twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000): 0-6. No funding (\$0) due to budget restraints.
- b.) Piedmont Tech – six hundred forty four thousand dollars (\$644,000). Mrs. Kirk stated that she felt this amount included the funds from the educational millage. Administrator Segars said that he felt their request was as proposed with the ninety percent (90%) of one (1) mill.

Chairman Wood replied that an option needed to be inserted as the ninety percent (90%) of one (1) mill. Mrs. Kirk stated, “The one (1) mill is included elsewhere in the budget in its own separate area because of how the millage is set up and how it is distributed according to the GAP rules. Council has never approved the totals that they ask for. And, they make that request every year. These monies are exactly what it takes to run the Higher Education Facility in Laurens”. Chairman Wood replied that it did not take that much money to run that facility. Administrator Segars said, “They take the total request from seven surrounding counties and break it down per students served. At one time it was two (2) mills before the construction and then reduced to the one (1) mill after construction was completed”.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked for clarification as to the request of six hundred forty four thousand dollars and the one (1) mill. Mrs. Kirk replied that it does not.

Councilwoman Anderson stated that she knew of the proposed expansions at the Advanced Center off of #221 North and I would like for Council to take these into consideration.

Chairman Wood stated that this Council gave them one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) when the bought the building and another one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the parking lot.

- To approve the requested six hundred forty four thousand dollars (\$644,000): 1 - 5- (opposition - Pitts, Wood, Jones, Nash and Tollison)

C.) Indigent Care:

**Laurens County**  
**122 MIAP - Indigent Care**  
**Budget Year 2016**  
Revenue Detail Schedules

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Request	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 122-311</b>						
31110	Current Real Property	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills
31111	LOST Credit-Real	99,213		107,834	99,213	99,213
31120	Delinquent Real Property	29,037		13,211	29,037	29,037
31121	LOST Credit-Delinquent	8,223		4,753	8,223	8,223
31130	Vehicle	2,553		1,490	2,553	2,553
31131	LOST Credit-Vehicle	17,665		16,042	17,665	17,665
31140	FILOT	4,930		3,978	4,930	4,930
31141	LOST Credit-FILOT	27,317		20,414	27,317	27,317
31151	Prior Year Refunds	473		211	473	473
		(8,411)		(1,150)	(8,411)	(8,411)
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>166,783</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 122-330</b>						
33521	Merchants Inventory	8,335	0	6,251	7,000	7,000
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>8,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,251</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>189,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>173,034</b>	<b>188,000</b>	<b>188,000</b>

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/15 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Approved
800	Claims Authorized	88,603	0	86,623	86,624	86,624
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>88,603</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,623</b>	<b>86,624</b>	<b>86,624</b>
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>100,732</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,411</b>	<b>101,376</b>	<b>101,376</b>

Administrator Segars explained, "This is a one percent (1%), required by state law, where a County provides for indigent care. This is made payable to the State on a quarterly basis.

Councilman Jones questioned the lost credits with the indigent care. Administrator Segars said that basically seventy one percent (71%) of the local option sales tax goes to the department that creates it. These funds are not where money is given back to anyone, it is credited back on property tax notices.

D.) Educational – Piedmont Tech and University of South Carolina:

Administrator Segars stated that by audit guidelines this should be included in the general fund budget.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked if this was not to be as in years past, by ordinance. Administrator Segars replied that it was but as per the Auditors, this is part of the general fund and no ordinance is required.



**Laurens County**  
**342 Educational - Tech/USC**  
**Budget Year 2016**  
**Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 1/31/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Request
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 122-311</b>					
31110	Current Real Property	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills
31111	LOST Credit-Real	102,472		93,055	102,472
31120	Delinquent Real Property	29,037		22,680	29,037
31121	LOST Credit-Delinquent	8,241		3,352	8,241
31130	Vehicle	2,553		1,102	2,553
31131	LOST Credit-Vehicle	17,704		10,816	17,704
31140	FILOT	4,931		2,831	4,931
31141	LOST Credit-FILOT	27,802		20,638	27,802
31151	Prior Year Refunds	473		199	473
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>(9,249)</b>		<b>(895)</b>	<b>(9,249)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>183,964</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,778</b>	<b>183,964</b>

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 1/31/15 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested
800	Claims Authorized	174,620	0	0	183,964
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>174,620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183,964</b>

<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>9,344</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,778</b>	<b>0</b>
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One (1) mill disbursed to Piedmont Technical College at 90% and USC Union at 10% based upon tax revenues collected - amount may change according to actual collections

E.) ZF Transmissions:

**Laurens County**  
**342 ZF -Transmissions Debt Service**  
**Budget Year 2016**  
**Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 1/31/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Request
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 122-311</b>					
31110	Current Real Property	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills	1.0 mills
31111	LOST Credit-Real				
31120	Delinquent Real Property				
31121	LOST Credit-Delinquent				
31130	Vehicle				
31131	LOST Credit-Vehicle				
31140	FILOT	773,209		1,041,880	1,050,000
31141	LOST Credit-FILOT				
31151	Prior Year Refunds				
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>773,209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,041,880</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>773,209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,041,880</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>

**Expenditure Summary Schedules**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 1/31/15 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested
800	Claims Authorized	773,209	0	1,041,880	1,050,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>773,209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,041,880</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>

<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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Chairman Wood stated that this was fee-in-lieu-of-taxes towards issued bonds.

Councilman Jones asked for totals on the bonds. Attorney Cruickshanks said, "The Sterilite Bond is paid out. The ZF Bond still has three (3) payments remaining though 2017. The balance with that bond is closed to two and a half millions dollars (\$2,500,000)". Administrator Segars explained, "During the last audit, there were several millions dollars included that appeared that the County was in arrears in paying because they considered that as general fund revenues. No notes were made to reflect payments. This is just a reflection of the payment for the auditors to look back to see what was done".

- F.) Emergency Medical Services: Director Burrell said, "I would like for Council to consider all of the requests made, to include the recreation and retention needs and to consider starting the expansion of EMS. Last year we had a forty percent (40%) turnover rate. The recent salary increases for the Detention Center have obviously helped with the retention rates for that department. I encourage for the whole EMS concept to be put to committee to as to understand and research our needs. I know we have limitations in the budget process and I would like for EMS to be on the forefront of any Council Committee work",

Chairman Wood said, "Before the meeting tonight someone said – why is the county broke, The County is not broke, we have seven to eight million dollars (\$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000) in the bank. Where we are broke is that we have income and expenses to balance. We cannot keep spending more money than we have coming in. This year when we started this budget we were two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in the red. To help with this, we are using twenty nine percent (29%) of the Local Option Sales Tax and the six (6) mills of deficit reduction, plus 2.1 percent of the allowed Consumer Price Index. Presently we are at a point to pull five hundred fifty five thousand dollars (\$555,000) out of the County Reserves. The County is not broke, we do have money in the bank. We just need to balance this budget process with what income we do have. I hope that clears this up".

Councilman Pitts questioned the 7.0 mills to the 7.2 mills, is that a result of the Consumer Price Index? Mrs. Kirk confirmed.

Administrator Segars explained, "The 7.0 mill several years ago was part of the county ordinary. Ten years ago, Council decided to break out the mills for EMS. The seven (7) mills along with its debt recovery rate makes for a balanced budget".

Councilman Pitts questioned why the 7.2 mills is bringing in less money. Mrs. Kirk replied that tax collection is down for this year and this appears to be a trend we are seeing. Councilman Pitts stated that he was told by the Treasurer that the collection rates are the same. Mrs. Kirk replied that she pulls history. Administrator Segars replied that it is not off much and that the industrial development give backs is affecting it. I don't think we have ever been able to equate all of this. Mrs. Kirk said that if you look at the taxes in total, we budgeted 1.3 for this year and 1.4 for next year. It is increasing, just the mix is a bit different. Councilman Pitts stated, to make my point, on the general revenue side of the budget, we have a 2.11% increase and yet it is only projecting four thousand four hundred nine dollars (\$4,409) in general property tax. Mrs. Kirk replied that property tax encumbrances a lot of different revenue accounts other than just real property. Councilman Pitts said, "I understand that but what I am saying is that I find it difficult to believe going up 2.11% is only increasing that particular line item in the budget by four thousand four hundred nine dollars (\$4,409). Administrator Segars replied that he would look into this.

Councilman Pitts asked for clarification on EMS pay for special events; is it considered overtime or do we pay the officers flat fees? EMS Director Chad Burrell replied, "When the people pay for an event for standby officers, it is a special fee per contract. An example is a local race. We request one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125) that covers the employee and is taxed also. The funds are paid by one check to the County and we then incorporate those funds into the employee's check minus any fringes and gas used. Councilman Pitts said that he did not feel that the County should be subsidizing their county payroll checks with special events. Administrator Segars added that those employees are off duty employees.

Councilman Jones asked Director Burrell if he had any recommendations as to capping overtime? Director Burrell replied that overtime has always been an issue with EMS. Typically in a normal work related year, one (1) fulltime regular employee works in excess of eight hundred (800) hours in overtime. There are other factors such as training and holdovers that plays into overtime.

Councilman Pitts asked if any supervisory employees are included with the overtime or are they exempt from overtime. Director Burrell replied, "They are, as they work on ambulances to keep their skills up. We could cap that part with supervisors working overtime but it would lead to other field staff picking up the overtime".

Councilman Pitts asked the County Attorney if it were not true that those supervisory employees were exempt from overtime. Attorney Cruickshanks replied, "If they are exempted employees, that would be my opinion".



Councilman Pitts asked for the staff to get a ruling on all employees that are exempt from overtime.

**Expenditure Summary Variance**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2015 Approved Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended Budget	FYE 2016 Variance	Variance %
525	EMS	3,485,458	3,389,328	(96,130)	-2.8%
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,485,458</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>	<b>(96,130)</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>
	<b>TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\* Actual receipts on a cash basis

**Laurens County  
128 Emergency Medical Services Detailed Schedules  
Budget Year 2016  
Revenue Detail Schedules**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Request	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES - 128-311</b>						
31110	Current Real Property	7.0 mills	7.1 mills	7.1 mills	7.2 mills	7.2 mills
31111	LOST Credit-Real	694,016	757,285	682,283	745,881	745,881
31120	Delinquent Real Property	203,245	217,553	165,361	237,670	237,670
31121	LOST Credit-Delinquent	57,117	46,151	33,272	57,500	57,500
31130	Vehicle	17,622	13,927	10,428	17,500	17,500
31131	LOST Credit-Vehicle	123,573	128,452	112,394	125,000	125,000
31140	FILOT	34,511	30,175	27,843	34,500	34,500
31141	LOST Credit-FILOT	187,617	171,616	144,553	190,000	190,000
31151	Prior Year Refunds	3,197	0	1,470	2,000	2,000
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>(56,693)</b>	<b>(10,551)</b>	<b>(8,053)</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>
		1,264,205	1,354,608	1,169,552	1,400,051	1,400,051
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 128-330</b>						
33516	EMS Grant	9,688	10,000	21,033	21,000	21,000
33814	Coop Capital Credit	350	350	357	360	360
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>10,350</b>	<b>21,390</b>	<b>21,360</b>	<b>21,360</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - 128-340</b>						
33540	EMS Off-Duty Revenue	7,526	10,000	3,770	10,000	10,000
33541	EMS - Training Revenue	0	0	1,013	1,000	1,000
33542	EMS - Events Revenue Donations	0	0	174	100	100
34511	EMS Fees*	1,923,655	2,100,000	1,500,838	1,946,717	1,946,717
		1,931,181	2,110,000	1,505,795	1,957,817	1,957,817
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE - 128-364</b>						
36415	Special Event Coverage		10,000	0	10,000	10,000
	Donations		500	0	100	100
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>10,100</b>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>3,205,424</b>	<b>3,485,458</b>	<b>2,696,737</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/15 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
525	EMS	3,265,334	3,485,458	2,652,430	3,389,328	3,389,328
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,265,334</b>	<b>3,485,458</b>	<b>2,652,430</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>	<b>3,389,328</b>
	<b>TRANSFER OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(59,910)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44,307</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Actual receipts on a cash basis



MINUTES – MAY 26, 2015  
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL

**Fund: 128 EMS Fund**

**Department 525 Emergency Medical Services**

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2013 Actual	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
					4/30/2015 Actual		
							0
11000	Salaries	933,479	956,832	973,444	744,282	995,388	995,388
11010	Part Time Salaries	201,670	220,556	187,774	185,723	187,774	187,774
13000	Overtime	565,403	572,916	524,052	425,888	524,052	524,052
14010	Holiday Work Pay	8,297	6,100	9,000	4,532	9,000	9,000
21000	Health Insurance-Employer	179,978	194,287	180,089	184,118	236,388	236,388
21050	Education Pay	1,582	574	1,200	610	1,200	1,200
21051	Cell Phone Reimbursement	1,334	1,810	0	5,044	0	0
22000	FICA-Employer Share	122,782	140,647	125,124	101,574	131,290	131,290
23000	Retirement-Employer Share	171,215	167,057	374,463	153,113	189,813	189,813
26000	Workers Compensation	303,599	318,229	320,434	256,942	304,288	304,288
27000	Advanced Drug Testing	1,817	1,905	1,870	1,861	1,970	1,970
32010	Professional Development	1,274	0	0	0	0	0
33051	Professional Services	111,555	91,441	120,750	52,049	106,425	106,425
43025	Copier Maintenance	3,948	4,246	3,700	3,656	3,700	3,700
43030	Equipment Maintenance	4,862	12,264	10,000	7,346	10,800	10,800
43090	Vehicle Maintenance	149,506	86,960	110,825	98,725	132,990	132,990
44040	Telephone System Lease	7,724	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
52060	Technology/ Licenses	14,532	8,148	20,000	12,064	20,000	20,000
53010	Cellular Phones	6,743	8,839	10,775	5,887	10,775	10,775
53090	Telephone	16,174	16,056	19,000	13,447	19,000	19,000
56050	Membership and Dues	125	0	1,374	0	1,375	1,375
57080	Training	10,103	3,781	13,000	7,473	13,000	13,000
57092	Travel/Meetings	1,391	1,671	1,600	418	1,600	1,600
61025	Building Maintenance	3,860	4,807	5,000	4,938	5,000	5,000
61035	N800 Palmetto Radio	7,336	8,029	14,000	6,005	14,000	14,000
61530	Laundry & Linen	520	385	488	724	888	888
61600	Medical Supplies	157,478	149,653	163,690	143,736	163,690	163,690
61700	Office Supplies	2,147	2,484	5,000	2,576	5,000	5,000
61800	Postage	652	790	500	651	615	615
61850	Uniforms	26,207	12,562	21,259	19,614	21,259	21,259
61900	Vehicle Supplies	60,496	66,197	72,600	48,362	72,600	72,600
61910	Vehicle Fuel	171,001	164,000	154,077	101,044	154,077	154,077
62000	Utilities	27,215	30,560	25,410	27,246	25,410	25,410
80022	EMS Grant	10,056	6,379	10,000	24,367	21,000	21,000
80035	Infection Control	3,378	4,886	3,960	8,416	3,960	3,960
61005	Event Expenses	335	283	0	0	0	0
	Subtotal Salaries	1,708,849	1,756,404	1,694,270	1,360,425	1,716,214	1,716,214
	Subtotal Benefits	780,490	822,604	1,001,310	701,400	862,980	862,980
	Subtotal Operating	800,435	686,326	789,878	590,605	810,134	810,134
	TOTALS	3,289,774	3,265,334	3,485,458	2,652,430	3,389,328	3,389,328

- G.) Victims Advocate Services – Administrator Segars explained this program with budget began several years ago with a constitutional amendment to provide a victims advocate program. The County has one department that works for all the other municipalities. Certain funds are funneled into this program from magistrate fees, clerk of court fees and some funds from the municipalities. The funds collected are to be used only by the Victims Advocate Program”.

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2015 Approved Budget	FYE 2016 Recommended Budget	FYE 2016 Variance	Variance %
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 110-330</b>					
33812	Laurens/Clinton Paid for Victims' Assist	25,000	25,000	0	0.0%
33814	Coop Credit	50	50	0	100.0%
	Subtotals:	25,050	25,050	0	0.0%
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - 128-340</b>					
34813	Clerk Victim's Assistance	85,000	85,000	0	0.0%
34815	Magistrate Victims' Assist	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
	Subtotals:	135,000	135,000	0	0.0%
	TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	160,050	160,050	0	0.0%

**Expenditure Summary Variance**

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Approved Budget	FYE 2015 Recommended Budget	FYE 2015 Variance	Variance %
550	Victims' Assistance	183,661	170,230	(13,431)	-7.3%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	183,661	170,230	(13,431)	-7.3%
	FUND BALANCE RESERVES (PRIOR YEARS)	23,611	10,180	(13,431)	-56.9%
	PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0

Revenue Detail Schedules

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - 110-330</b>						
33812	Laurens/Clinton Paid for Victims' Assist	28,462	25,000	20,072	25,000	25,000
33814	Coop Credit	46	50	45	50	50
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>28,508</b>	<b>25,050</b>	<b>20,117</b>	<b>25,050</b>	<b>25,050</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES - 129-340</b>						
34813	Clerk Victim's Assistance	80,523	85,000	68,257	85,000	85,000
34815	Magistrate Victims' Assist	0	50,000	51,925	50,000	50,000
	<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>80,523</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>120,182</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>135,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>109,031</b>	<b>160,050</b>	<b>140,299</b>	<b>160,050</b>	<b>160,050</b>

Expenditure Summary Schedules

Dept Number	Department Name	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Request	FYE 2016 Approved
550	Victims' Assistance	165,905	183,661	142,050	170,230	170,230
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>165,905</b>	<b>183,661</b>	<b>142,050</b>	<b>170,230</b>	<b>170,230</b>
<b>Reserves - Fund Balance</b>			<b>23,611</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>10,180</b>
<b>PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>-56,874</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

In the past fund balance reserves for Victim's Assistance was utilized to balance the budget. It is estimated that at the end of FY 2014, the reserves will be depleted. Therefore, the overage of \$10,181, if approved, will need to be absorbed by the General Fund Reserves.

Account Number	Account Description	FYE 2014 Actual	FYE 2015 Actual	FYE 2015 Budget	Y-T-D 4/30/2015 Actual	FYE 2016 Requested	FYE 2016 Recommended
11000	Salaries	98,542	101,946	113,125	78,969	99,005	99,005
21000	Health Insurance-Employer Share	11,881	12,597	12,597	11,978	15,132	15,132
22000	FICA-Employer Share	7,105	8,193	6,947	6,317	7,574	7,574
23000	Retirement-Employer Share	10,414	9,944	10,579	8,911	10,495	10,495
26000	Workers Compensation	5,840	6,059	6,013	4,870	6,025	6,025
27000	Drug Screens	0	25	0	0	50	50
43020	Computer System Maint	0	0	1,200	0	0	0
43090	Vehicle Maintenance	140	653	750	1,089	700	700
53010	Cell Phone	2,771	2,790	2,400	2,312	2,500	2,500
53090	Telephone	2,408	2,668	2,000	1,998	2,000	2,000
55000	Printing & Binding	1,351	1,614	1,500	1,556	1,500	1,500
56050	Memberships/Dues	0	225	250	25	100	100
57092	Travel/Meetings	332	748	400	902	1,000	1,000
57093	Travel/Training	200		2,000	728	1,000	1,000
61400	Copier Supplies	798	759	700	523	600	600
61700	Office Supplies	481	262	650	383	500	500
61800	Postage	243	91	300	209	300	300
61900	Vehicle Supplies	63	795	250	590	750	750
61910	Vehicle Fuel	2,110	2,559	3,000	1,484	2,000	2,000
64000	Law Tracks	19,755	17,340	19,000	19,207	19,000	19,000
74200	Vehicles/Apparatus	0	0	0	0	0	0
80040	Contingency	1,471	1,410	0	0	0	0
	<b>Subtotal Salaries</b>	<b>98,542</b>	<b>101,946</b>	<b>113,125</b>	<b>78,969</b>	<b>99,005</b>	<b>99,005</b>
	<b>Subtotal Benefits</b>	<b>35,240</b>	<b>36,793</b>	<b>36,136</b>	<b>32,076</b>	<b>39,225</b>	<b>39,225</b>
	<b>Subtotal Operating</b>	<b>32,123</b>	<b>31,939</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>31,005</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>32,000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>165,905</b>	<b>170,678</b>	<b>183,661</b>	<b>142,050</b>	<b>170,230</b>	<b>170,230</b>



H.) Review of Capital Improvement Requests:

	DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL NEEDS	REQUESTED AMOUNT	Total	Capital Recommended
1	Clerk of Court	MS SQL Server 2014 plus one year maintenance agreement	\$ 12,652		\$ -
2	Building Codes/ Inspections	2015 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck	\$ 23,300	\$ 23,300	
3	Coroner	Replace 2008 Crown Vic - New vehicle	\$ 35,000		
		Replace Chevy Van - New vehicle	\$ 35,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 35,000
4	Communications	Upgrade 911 Radio System - Can be leased for five (5) years	\$ -		
		104 Channel Communications Recording System 2 1 NexLog740 NexLog 740	\$ 16,000		
		Logging Recorder-Primary	\$ 15,600		
		Emergency Medical Dispatch Software and Training	\$ 4,400	\$ 36,000	\$ 20,400
		Complete Rework of cable trays and cables on 911 consoles			
5	Library	Explorer III Step Van Bookmobile to replace seventeen year (17) old bookmobile	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	
6	Parks and Recreations	New Playground Equipment for Cross Hill Park	\$ 30,000		
		Dump Trailer	\$ 6,800		
		Pave Parking Lot at County Park	\$ 48,000		
		Replace lights on two (2) ballfields	\$ 120,000		
		Infield replacement on three (3) ballfields at county park	\$ 34,000	\$ 238,800	
7	Sheriff's Office	5 each In-Car 800 Mhz Radios	\$ 25,000		
		6 each 6 In-Car Camera Systems	\$ 40,000		
		10 each Tasers	\$ 15,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
8	Transferred from EMS	One Ambulance Remount	\$ 100,000		
		One Ambulance	\$ 135,300		
		One QRV	\$ 32,000	\$ 267,300	\$ 135,300
Total Amount Requested			\$ 878,052	\$ 878,052	\$ 270,700

Chairman Wood stated that there was approximately two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000) that was available for capital items.

- 1.) Clerk of Court – Requested \$12,652 for a server  
Lynn Lancaster, Clerk of Court, pulled this request from list.
- 2.) Building Codes – Requested \$23,300 for a ½ ton pickup  
Not recommended.
- 3.) Coroner – Requested new vehicle - \$35,000  
Requested new van - \$35,000

Vice Chairman Tollison asked the Coroner that of the two requests, which one was needed more. Coroner Nichols replied, “The van would be the first necessity as it has over one hundred forty thousand (140,000) miles on it. We do carry bodies in the back when EMS is not available. The truck we have is used to transport those bodies that have decomposed beyond a regular transport”.

Vice Chairman Tollison asked if the existing equipment could be transferred over to a new van or would additional purchases be required? Coroner Nichols replied that flooring would need to be replaced to allow free rolling of the carts. The lights and sirens would likely be new.

Councilman Jones asked what the year of the van was. Coroner replied 2006 or 2007.

Councilman Jones asked if any of the surplus vehicles within the County could be considered. Administrator Segars replied that any vehicles placed in the auctioned vehicles would have high mileage on them.

- o Council approved the requested new van - \$35,000 (5-1)

4.) Communications:

a.) Upgrade 911 Radio System – Mr. Avery said that the present system is about seven (7) years old and comes with a price tag of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000). Eighty percent (80%) of the funds are reimbursed back from the State because of it being 911 operational.

1.) Recording System - \$16,000 – The actual cost for the County would be the sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000).

b.) Logging Recorder - \$15,600.

1.) Emergency Medical Dispatch Software and Training – This was included but due to not receiving the additional four (4) employees it has been removed.

c.) Rework of cable trays and cables on 911 consoles – \$4,400 – This is the replacing of thirteen year old workstations. Hydraulic failures are starting to occur on some of the cable trays. The total price on this is around twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000) and we will get back from the State eighty percent (80%) leaving the County responsible for four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400).

d.) Aerial Ortho Maps - \$24,345 – This was left off of the capital requests sent to Council. This will be the last payment necessary.

- o Council approved the total of \$44,745 for Communications.

5.) Sheriff's Office:

- a.) Radios - five (5) – in car 800 MHz - \$25,000
- b.) Camera Systems six (6) – in car - \$40,000
- c.) Tasers – ten (10) - \$15,000

Councilwoman Anderson asked how many tasers they presently have if all of the above items were really necessary. Mickey Coates replied, “The ones they presently have were purchased in 2009 and that they are worn out and need to be replaced. We requested ten (10) but will be grateful for whatever number we can get. We have ten (10 or twelve (12) that we can safely use now. The radios are to ensure that the officers can conduct conversation with certainty that if they are in a remote area they can be heard. The camera systems will complete the incar cameras for the department.”

Councilman Jones asked about the ten (10) SORT Team helmet requests. The present helmets were bought in 2009 and are worn out and need to be replaced.

Councilman Jones said that he did not see this listed in the requests made from Finance and that he would like to see them stated as part of their request at \$5,000. Mrs. Kirk replied that the helmets were not considered to be a capital request but was a supply item.

Councilman Jones also noted that he was advised that the present helmets could be donated or sold.

Vice Chairman Tollison questioned if any of the requests could be requested with any grants? Mr. Coates replied that usually these are federal grants and include all states and are hard to come by.



Councilman Pitts asked for confirmation that the in-car cameras were for the Civil Process and Warrants Divisions. Mr. Coates replied that there were three (3) in Civil Process and three (3) or so in Warrants.

- o Council approved; Radios - five (5) – in car 800 MHz - \$25,000; Camera Systems three (3) – in car - \$20,000; Tasers – eight (8) - \$12,000.

6.) EMS:

- a.) Ambulance Remount - \$100,000 – remount for ambulance with 292 K miles
- b.) Ambulance - \$135,300 – Replacement as current one had in excess 345K miles

Mr. Burrell stated I fully think Council should consider the full remount and the new ambulance. Mr. Wilson contact BB&T and secured the possibilities of a loan from BB&T 1.12%. Out of our ten (10) current vehicles, we have four (4) that are completely out of service leaving us with six (6). Our ambulances run twenty four – seven (24/7).

Vice Chairman Tollison stated that he would like to see one (1) new ambulance approved and hold the remount until later.

Councilman Pitts stated that he did not support allowing fifty percent (50%) of the capital requests going to one (1) department.

Chairman Wood asked for a show of hands to take out the ambulance request – failed 3/3.

Chairman Wood asked for a show of hand to purchase a new ambulance – 4-2 (Jones and Pitts opposed).

- c.) QRV - \$32,000 – this request was omitted by Director Burrell.
  - o Council approved the purchase of a new ambulance at \$135,300.

7.) Parks and Recreation:

Councilman Pitts stated that the Parks and Recreation requests have not been even mentioned tonight and there were no recommendations from the Finance Department. I would like for us to reconsider some capital funding be considered for this Department. Mrs. Kirk replied that Mr. Howard had agreed that he would consider no capital requests due to the financial concerns of Council during this budget process. Mr. Howard said, “The closest necessity we have would be the lights for the County Park. All others are not a true necessity but would be greatly appreciated”.

- a.) Cross Hill Park playground equipment - \$30,000
- b.) Dump Trailer - \$6,800
- c.) County Park parking lot - \$48,000
- d.) County Park lighting (2 fields) - \$120,000
- e.) County Park three (3) infield replacements - \$34,000

**RESOLUTION #2015-15, “TO APPLY, ASSIGN, ALLOCATE, TRANSFER AND USE ONE MILLION FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,040,000) ACCUMULATED PURSUANT TO LAURENS COUNTY ORDINANCE #654”.** COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING for discussion.

Councilman Jones asked what the amount in the restricted use account was. Administrator Segars replied eight million dollars (\$8,000,000).

COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve the Resolution.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** – Administrator Segars stated that he did not have any reports at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Chairman Wood opened the floor for public comment at 7:30 P.M. Having no one wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 7:31 P.M.

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- 1.) Councilman Pitts noted that as a representative of Council sitting on the Laurens County Development Corporation Board that he intends to provide an update following every Development Corporation meeting.

Council Pitts reported that May meeting as follows:

Site Visits: March one (1); April – five (5); May – seven (7) ---thirteen (13) for total year to date;  
Requests for information: March one (1) not allowed to submit; April – eight (8) with only two allowed  
Investors: forty six (46)  
Predicting: announcing of several projects this year: Project YAK - fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) and twenty five (25) jobs; Project DMZ - LACE and one additional building

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION for Council to move into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDING to discuss Economic Development and Employment Matters; VOTE 6-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 8:48 P.M.

Reporting involving the executive session was:

- 1.) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve, contingent upon the project locating at the Hunter Park, the requested funds from the Hunter Park Funds, of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by the Commission of Public Works to assist in securing a proposed industrial project within the Park. COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.
- 2.) **EMPLOYMENT MATTERS** – Chairman Wood reported that no action was taken.

**SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #788 – LAURENS COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET (By Title Only)** – COUNCILMAN PITTS made the MOTION to approve as presented with COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDING; VOTE 5-1 (Councilwoman Anderson was in opposition).

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further action required by Council, Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh  
Laurens County Clerk to Council